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This Swahili-English dictionary of approximately 850 terms used in the social sciences is designed for students concerned with the Swahili-speaking area. It includes many words that are new, or of new usage, as well as somewhat more general terms that might be unfamiliar to average students with four semesters of Swahili study. The words have been drawn from speeches (especially recent policy statements from Tanzania), and newspapers, particularly Uhuru, Ngurumo, and Baraza. A corresponding English-Swahili Vocabulary is proposed by the author. (MK)

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The need for a new Swahili dictionary is too well-known to require comment. It is hoped that within the next few years we may see both a dictionary and a reference grammar as a result of the labors of Dr. Lyndon Harries and Sheikh Ali Ahmad Jahadmy at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. This work does not pretend to be in any way a comprehensive dictionary, but it is hoped that it may prove of some value to students of the social sciences who are concerned with the Swahili-speaking area. It is particularly oriented towards the world of newspapers and political manifestos, and is intended to assist those students of this area who wish to read works of this type but who frequently are baffled by words not to be found in any dictionary. A further problem is that many words of long standing are used in a new way, e.g. siasa for politics or policies, and kuandikisha for to register. It would be very easy to find many words in this vocabulary which are neither new nor of new usage. The reason for including them is that the average student who has completed about four semesters of Swahili still has a fairly low vocabulary outside the most generalized terms, and having this work beside him when reading a paper or speech will obviate the necessity of using a dictionary at all (providing, of course, that he or she has a good general knowledge of structure and a basic vocabulary.)

All the words used have been either seen in print or heard in speeches. Some are from publications produced in the U.S.S.R. and some from China. Most are from the newspapers Uhuru, Ngurumo, Baraza and the more recent policy statements from Tanzania. There was a great temptation to include many words of common usage not strictly in the social science field, but had this been done the size would have been too great. No doubt some users

will know of words not here included. If this is the case they are advised to add them to the end of each relevant section.

It is hoped at a later date to produce a brief social science vocabulary of English, Swahili to assist African students particularly at the university level. This will be based on the Dictionary of the Social Sciences.

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Words marked with * denote those from E.A.S.C. Journal. Those marked with (c) have only been identified in Russian or Chinese communist literature.

achana, ku	to divorce or separate
ada	fee
adabu	civility, courtesy, etiquette, proper behavior
adhabu	punishment
adhiri, ku	bring into disrepute, put to shame, debase
adimu	rare, scarce, unobtainable
adui	enemy
afikiana, ku	to compromise, reach an agreement
afisa, ma	officer (of government, army, etc.)
agenda	agenda (also as ajenda)
ahadi	a promise
ahidi, ku	to promise
ahirisha, ku	to postpone, adjourn
aizeshun	(slang) a person who has taken the place of a European, hence highly placed official
ajent, ma	agent
ajiri, ku	to hire a person
akina mama	womenfolk
akina baba	menfolk
alika, ku	to invite (e.g., to a conference etc.)
ambatana, ku	be incorporated, become integral part of
amini, ku	to believe, trust in
amini	a blood brother
amri	an order, command
amua, ku	to adjudicate, make a ruling, arbitrate

amuru, ku	to command
anasa	luxury (pejorative)
andikisha, ku	to register (e.g. voters)
angalau	just a little
ankra	invoice
anzia, ku	to begin with, to start from , at
apa, ku	to swear an oath
arifu, ku	to inform
asi, ku	to rebel, cause disturbances
azimia, ku	to intend, have purpose of
azimio, ma	decision, declaration, resolution
azimio ,kupitisha	to pass a

badiliko, ma	a change, revision, alteration
bagua, ku	to discriminate
bahati nasibu ya taifa	national lottery
balozi, ma	ambassador (or consul)
bana, ku	to oppress
bandari	harbor, port
beberu, ma	colonialist, imperialist (pejorative sense, literally a he goat)
bendera	flag
benki	a bank
biashara	trade, commerce
bidhaa	merchandise
bidhaa ghalani	stock in trade
binadamu	man, mankind (son of Adam)
binafsi	solely oneself, individual, used in pejorative way about individualism, also as adjective meaning 'own' e.g., ndege yake binafsi - his own plane
bingwa, ma	expert, highly qualified person
bishana, ku	to dispute, argue, quarrel
budi	with negative verb no alternative, with affirmative verb lazima
bunge	parliament

Chagua, ku	to elect (choose)
chaguliwa, ku	to be elected
chai, kunywa	to accept a bribe
chai, kutoa	to offer bribe
chama cha siasa	political party
chama cha wanawake	women's club (Kenya, kilabu cha)
chama cha ushirika	cooperative (Tanzania)
changa (nchi)	developing (country)
changa pesa, ku	make a collection of money
chemba	(slang) private, synonym for faraghani used at local political meetings, in camera
cheo,	rank, position (e.g. in hierarchy)
chini ya	under the, e.g. chini ya mamlaka ya - under the authority of
chukua hatua, ku	to take steps against (e.g., offenders)
chukuliwa hatua, ku	to have steps taken against
chungua, ku	to inquire into, do research on, scrutinize
chui wa karatasi	paper "tiger" (C)
chuo kikuu	college, university
chuo cha ufundi	technical college
chuo cha ualimu	teachers training college
chuo cha udaktari	medical school

dai, ma	claim, suit against
dai, ku	to claim, take suit against
dalili	sign, symptom
danganya, ku	to deceive, cheat
danganyana, ku	to deceive one another
deni, ma	debt
deni fisa	bad debt to be written off
desturi	custom
dhahiri	clear, obvious
dhahirisha, ku	to make clear, elucidate
dhamana	guarantee, security, trust
dhamiri, dhamira	inner conscience, real intention, secret thought, purpose, intention, resolve, free will, essence, innermost self
dhati	enthusiasm (Zanzibar)
dhidi ya	in opposition to, anti (C)
dhiki	misfortune, distress, bad straits
dhima	responsibility
dhuluma	tyranny, oppression
dhulumu	tyranny, oppression
dhulumu, ku	to oppress, tyrannize
digrii	university degree
dini	religion, faith
diwani, ma	councillor
dokezo, ma	hint
(ki) dokezo	suggestion
dumu, ku	to last, persist
dumisha, ku	to make last, perpetuate

elekea, ku	to point towards, give the appearance that
elekeza, ku	to direct towards, influence towards
eleza, ku	to explain
elimisha, ku	to educate (in formal sense)
elimu	education (formal)
endelea, ku	to progress
endeleza, ku	to provide impetus for
endesha, ku	to drive (e.g. car), to direct
epa, ku	to avoid
epukana na, ku	to keep out of the way of, evade

fahari	pride, conceit (both pejoratively and not)
faida safi	net profit
familia	nuclear family
faragha	secret in sense of privacy, faraghani - in camera
farakano	disagreement, division (opinion)
fikara, fikira, fikra	thought, idea, opinion
fidia	compensation
fikira za kikoloni	colonial mentality
filisika,ku	to go bankrupt
fomu (kujaza)	form (to fill out)
forodhani	custom house (at the), customs
fupisha, ku	to cut short, restrict, reduce in size, shorten
fedheha	humiliation, indignity
futa, ku	to cancel, erase, blot out

gaidi, ma	terrorist, guerilla
gandamiza, ku	to oppress, crush
geuko, ma	change, reversal (e.g. of policy)
gharama (ya maisha)	cost (of living)
gharimia, ku	to cost the (e.g. the country for education)
gharimisha, ku	to finance, bear the cost of
gharimiwa, ku	to be paid for by
ghasia	disturbance, confusion, mess
gombea, ku	to contest e.g. seat in election
gwaride	honor guard

habari za kuaminika	trustworthy news, reliable source
hadhara	public (in sense of opposite of private)
haja	need, requirement
haini, ku (saliti ku)	to betray
haki	right, just claim
hakikishia, ku	make it clear (certain) to
hakimu	magistrate
halali	legal, legitimate, lawful
hali	state, condition
hali ya maisha	living standard
halifu, ku	to break the law
halmashauri	committee, council

(kuu ya Taifa = National Executive Committee)

haramu	illegal, illegitimate, sinful, unlawful
hasara	loss
hatari	danger
hatarisha (ku)	endanger
hatibu	speaker
hatua, kupiga	to take steps, make progress
hawara	concubine, mistress
hazina	treasury
hedikwota	headquarters
hishima	honor, face, respect, dignity

hiari	free will
hifadhi, ku	to safeguard
hima	urgency
himiza, ku	to urge, to hurry things along
hisa	stock, shares
hitaji, ma	requirements, needs
hitilafu	contradiction, major difference
hitimu, ku	to complete (e.g. degree)
hoja	question, question under discussion, the point
hoji, ku	cross-examine
hudhuria, ku	to attend (meeting, school etc.)
huduma	service, attendance. c
hudumia, ju	to serve, be in addendance on
hukumu, ku	to make judgment, pass sentence
huru	free (opposite slave)
husika na, ku	to pertain to
husu, ku	to be associated with, to pertain to
hutubia, ku	to address, make a speech to
hutubiana, ku	to address each other

ibra	phenomenon, unusual event
idadi	number (e.g. <u>number</u> of children in school)
idara	department
idhini	permission, sanction
iktisadi	economy, the
Ikulu	State House (T)
imani	belief, trust, faith
investigeti, ku	to investigate
ishara	signal

jabali, ma	stubborn person (lit. rock)
jadili, ku	to discuss, argue
jadiliana, ku	to discuss with one another, argue about
jaji	judge, a
jali (bila ku)	to care (without consideration)
jamaa	extended family
jamhuri	republic
jamii	community
jenga, ku, nchi	to build up the country
jenga, ku, taifa	nation building
jenga, ku, uchumi	to build up the economy
jeshi (la ukombozi) (la wokovu)	army (liberating, freedom) (salvation army)
jiandikisha, ku	to register oneself
jiepusha, ku	to keep oneself clear of
jiheshimu, ku	to respect oneself, self-respect
jihoji, ku	to be introspective*
jiii	silence!! (e.g. weeks pass and just jiii)
jimudu-ku	to exercise one's self (physical)
jinyima, ku	to deprive oneself
jipatia, ku	to achieve, get for oneself
jitahidi, ku	to exert, make an effort
jitawala, ku	to rule oneself, self-government
jitegemea, ku	to depend on oneself, self-reliance
jitenga, ku	isolationism
jitihada	effort
jitolea, ku	to volunteer, self-help
jitosheleza, ku	to fulfill own needs be independent*

jiuzulu, ku	to resign, abdicate
juhudi	effort
julisha, ku	to introduce, inform
jumla	total, sum
juu ya	up to, on top of, above, moreover, about

kabaila, ma	the elite, wealthy, feudalist
kabidhi, ku	to hand over, delegate
kabila, ma	tribe, ethnic group (also used for make of machine e.g. car)
Kaburu, ma	Afrikaner, Boer, the whites of S. Africa
kabili, ku	to confront, face up to
kalabaa	color bar (Obsolescent) racial discrimination
kambi ya soshialisti	Socialist camp (c)
kamishna, ma	commissioner, e.g. rejino kamishna (regional commissioner)
kampuni, ma	company (commercial)
kana, ku	to deny
kandamiza, ku	to oppress (c)
kanuni	a rule, bye-law
karagosi	puppet (also karangosi)
kariri, ku	to go over again in a repetitious fashion
kasoro	defect, deficiency, blemish
katiba	constitution
katibu	secretary (in sense of secretary of a large organization, department, etc.)
kauli ya mwisho	ultimatum
kiapo (kula)	an oath (to eat often used with it)
kibaraka	puppet, enemy of the people (lit. little blessing)
kibepari	petty bourgeois

kidalali	puppets, brokers (c)
kifundi	technical
kifungo	jail sentence
kiini cha hoja	the central issue (c) (core)
kiinua mgongo	compensation on termination of appoint. (severance pay)
kijiji	a village
kijitu	informer (lit. dwarf, little man)
kikao kikao cha haraka	session, a sitting emergency session
kikomo	hindrance, restriction, block
kilimani	on the hill - hence Dar es Salaam University College
kima cha chini cha mishahara	basic minimum wage
kiongozi	leader, guide
kipingamizi	hindrance, obstacle, opposition
kiri, ku	to accept having committed a misdeed, plead guilty
kisasa	modern up-to-date
kishawishi	lure, temptation, pressures
kisia, ku	to guess, to estimate
kisingizio cha amani ya uongo	(c) false pretences of peace
kitambulisho (pasi)	a pass, identity card
kitisho	intimidation, threat
kituo cha kivita kituo cha kupiga kura kituo cha basi	military base (c) polling station bus stop
kiwanda	factory, workshop
kizingiti cha kisiasa	political strings (e.g. to foreign aid) i.e. political threshold - entree (c)

kodi	tax
koloni, ma	a colony
komboa, ku	to liberate, redeem
komesha, ku	to bring to an end, halt
komitii, kamati	committee
komred	comrade (c)
konseli	council
kopa, kopesha, ku	to borrow, to loan (money only - things kuazima)
koplo	corporal (military or police)
korti	a court (legal)
kosa, ku, kosa, ma	to err, omit to do, fail to do error, mistake, failing
kozi	course (of instruction)
kubali, ku	to agree, accept
kukanusha	to deny emphatically, gainsay
kuli, ma	dock laborer, coolie
kundi	group
kunyakuliwa kwa uhuru	illicit seizure of independence (e.g. Smith)
kupe	exploiter (lit. cattle tick) parasite
kura	a vote
kutana, ku	to meet together
kuza, ku	to encourage, cause to take place, grow make prosper
kwani	because

laani, ku	to revile, curse, denounce
laghai, ku	to betray, act treacherously
laki, ku	to receive a person, especially in a formal manner, e.g. state visit
lalamika, ku	to complain, protest
laumu, ku	to blame, reproach, reprimand, castigate
lawama	a blame, charge, reproach
lenga, ku	to aim, aim at
lengo	target, aim
ligi	league, e.g. in football but also in term yusu ligi - youth league (TAN)
limbiko	reserve fund
lipua, ku	to blow up (in a sense of sabotage)
lokeshuni	a location

maadhimisho	celebration, glorification
maafikiano	compromise
maahirisho	postponement, adjournment
maana	meaningful, e.g. jambo la maana
maandamano	procession, parade
maarifa	information, knowledge (especially acquired by education)
maazimio ya kishambulizi	aggressive intentions (c)
mabaki (baki)	remainder, residue, often used of second payout of cooperative
madaraka	responsibility
madhehebu ya awali	first principle*
madhila (pl. of dhila)	oppression (c)
madhumuni	intention, purpose, aims
madini	minerals
maelekezo	direction, in supervisory sense
maelekeo ya maono	sentiment, ideals*
maelezo	explanation, clarification, definition
maendeleo	progress, development
mafanikio	prosperity, success
mafanikio ya mwisho	final triumph (c)
mafunzo	instruction, teaching, a course
magendo	black market
mahakama	courts of law
mahakama ya chini	lower courts, local courts (TAN)
mahaluki	human being
mahari	bridewealth, brideprice, marriage payment (<u>not</u> dowry)

mahasidi	enemy, spiteful person (c)
maingiliano	inter-relationship (c)
majadiliano	discussion
majivuno	conceit, boasting
makadirio	estimates (financial)
makamu	deputy, vice-
makandamizi	oppression
makao	headquarters (makuu - general)
makazi mapya	settlement schemes
makini	eagerness, attention, concentration, e.g. to listen kwa makini
makisio	estimates (financial)
makusudi	intention, intentionally
malalamiko	complaints
malezi	process of education* (rearing)
mali (ya asili)	property wealth (Natural resources)
malipo	payments
mambo ya kigeni	foreign affairs
mamlaka	authority
manufaa	useful, serviceable
maoni	views
maonyesho	a show, display
mapato	revenue
mapinduzi	a revolution
marafuku (kupiga)	forbidden (to outlaw)
marekani	American(s) (pejorative, c.f. Kimerika)
kimarekani (ya)	American type (usually pejorative, c.f. ya Kiamerika)

mashirika	organizations (e.g. voluntary)
masoko ya ulimwengu	world markets
masomo	study, a subject (academic)
mastafu	staff members
masulaha, masilahi	compromise, conciliation (see suluhisha)
matashi	(c) desires
mateso	oppression
matokeo	outcome, result
matshari	small fighting vessels
matumaini	hopes, expectations
matumizi	expenditure
mawaidha	views
mavuguvugu ya kitaifa	(c) nationalistic enthusiasm or fervor
mazao	produce
mbenzi	member of ruling elite (Mercedes-Benz)
mbunge	member of parliament
mchango	a collection of money for some purpose
mchekecho	sifting out, shake up, reorganization
mchochezi, wa	agitator
mchupo mkubwa wa mbele	(c) great leap forward
mdai, mdaiwa	claimant or creditor, defendant or debtor
meya	mayor
mfanyakazi	a worker, especially a manual worker
mfuasi	follower, supporter

mfanyikazi	a worker, especially a manual worker
mfululizo	a series
mgogoro	an obstacle, impediment
mgombea kiti	candidate for seat
mhaini	traitor
mhalifu	criminal, law-breaker
mheshimiwa	the Honorable
miliki	assets
miliki, ku	exercise authority over, have domain over rule, control
minitzi	minutes of meeting
minyororo ya ukºloni	chains of colonialism (c)
mizania	balance sheet
mji	town, city
mjumbe	representative, member of council, member of commission, messenger
mjuzi (mtu wa ujuzi, mwenye ujuzi)	knowledgeable person
mkaguzi	inspector
mkataba	contract, written agreement
mkataba wa mashirikiano ya kijeshi (c)	mutual aid military pact
mkatili	aggressor* (ordinarily "cruel")
mkazo	emphasis, stress (both linguistically and in political usage)
mkimbizi	refugee, scarf worn on the head by girl (Tan)
mkoa	region (Tan. only, used to change old term jimbo.original meaning a clan

mkopo	loan
mkurugenzi	director, important person
mkutano	meeting
mkutano wa mwaka	annual meeting
mkuu wa dola	chief of state (c)
mlango	a door, often used to mean a lineage
mlungura	bribe also rushwa
mnyonyaji	an exploiter (lit. a sucker, often used in conjunction with damu - blood) parasite
moto moto	fiery, hence dynamic and revolutionary
mpango mpango wa maendeleo mpango wa uchumi	schedule, program, arrangement, plan development program economic program
mpango wa miaka mitano	five year plan
mpigania uhuru	freedom fighter
mpinga thaura	counter revolutionary (c)
mpingamizi	opposer
msaada	aid, assistance, help
msaidizi	assistant
msemaji	spokesman
mshahidi	witness
mshtaki, mshtakiwa	plaintiff, defendant
msiba	calamity, misfortune, disaster
msimu	season
msingi	foundation, base
mstahiki	respectable
msukosuko	disturbance, agitation

mstaki,-iwa	same as mshtaki, mshtakiwa
mtaa	ward, parish, administrative division under the control of a headman (jumbe)
mtaalamu	a scholar, academic expert, knowledg-able person, scientist
mtengenezaji	editor
mtetezi	defending lawyer, defending representative, politician
mtindo, mi	method, way of doing, style
mtumwa	a slave
mtunza hazina	treasurer
muasi	a rebel
mudu, ku	to stretch, extend
muhimu	important, urgent
muhtasari	abstract, summary, minutes of meeting
kwa mujibu wa	for the purposes of (esp. legal)
mustakbali	(C)
muujiza	miracle, amazing happening also see "ibra"
muungano	union, e.g. of Tanganyika and Zanzibar
mwakilishi	agent
mwanakomiti	committee member
mwana	child (of) male or female
mwanachama	member of a chama - club, association

mwanaharamu	bastard, often used in describing e.g. leaders of countries practicing policies disliked, illegitimate
mwananchi	countryman in sense of native of the country, used to evade use of awenyeji for native since latter was pejorative in English (wananchi of other countries are only those who support the same policies as the speaker)
mwanachuoni	college student
mwanasheria	lawyer
mwanasiasa au mtetezi	politician
mwanaskimu	member of a scheme, e.g. settlement scheme
mwana TANU	member of TANU
mwandishi (ripota)	reporter
mwenendo	behavior
mwenyekiti	chairman
mwito	a call, e.g. a call to the public to...
mwanajeshi	soldier
mwungano	union, e.g. of Tanganyika and Zanzibar
mzalendo	indigenous person, patriot

nafasi	opportunity, scope, chance (to do) room (for)
naiseshun	same as aizeshun
nakala nakili	a copy, edition
nasaba	a lineage, descent group
nasibu, ku	to declare a genealogy
nchi za ng'ambo	overseas
nchi za kigeni	foreign countries
ndoa	a marriage, the institution of marriage, (wedding)
ng'ambo, nchi za	foreign countries
nia	aim, resolve, intention
kwa niaba ya kwa mintaraf ya	on behalf of
noti	a bank bill, slang for cash
notisi	(give) notice, a summons
nyima, ku	to deprive, cheat out of
nyongeza	an increase
nyonya, ku	to suck and hence Exploit
nyonyana, ku	to exploit one another

onea, ku	to harass, persecute, have a down on
onea, ku huruma	to feel sorry for, have mercy, sympathy for
ongopa, ku	to lie
ongoza, ku	to guide, direct, supervise, lead
onyo, ma	a warning

pambana na, ku	to struggle against
pasi	a pass, identity card
pasipoti	passport
"pawa"	term used by politicians to mean 'power' may be corruption of this word or amplicative of kipawa - a gift (e.g. for speech)
piga kura, ku	to vote
pindua, ku	to overthrow, revolt
pinga, ku	to oppose, speak against
pitana mno, ku	to exceed one another
pongeza, ku	to congratulate
pongezi	congratulations
porojo	nonsense, false
potoza, ku	to lead astray
praivet	private (soldier)
propaganda	propaganda (pejorative)
puuza, ku	make nonsense of mininterpret

raia	a citizen
rais	president
rasilmali	capital
rasildaima	fixed assets
rasiltaslimu	current assets
rasmi	official, officially (formal)
rekebisha, ku	to set right, back on path, rectify
rika, jika	an age set in an age grade system
ripoti, piga, ku	to make a report, to give an account of
rithi, ku	to inherit
riziki	subsistence, needs of life
rudia, ku	to review, repeat (e.g. advertise in paper)
ruhusa, ruhusu, ku	permission, to permit
rumande	remand (sometimes lumande)
rushwa	a bribe

sadiki, ku	to believe
sahihisha, ku	to correct, set straight, revise
saidia, ku	to assist, aid, help
sajin	sergeant (military)
saliti, ku	to betray
sapoti, ku	to support, e.g. a motion
sekula	a circular, instruction from gov't.
semina	seminar
serikali	government
serikali ya kijeshi	military government
setila, ma	settlers (earlier used in pejorative way of Kenya settlers, now used of members of settlement schemes, also <u>setla</u>, <u>setra</u>)
shabaha	aim, target
shahada	certification
sharti, ma	conditions, obligations (required to fulfill agreement, etc.)
shauri, ku	to advise, give advice
shawishi, ku	to persuade, tempt, coax, plead with
sherehe	celebration, ceremony
sheria kutunga kupitisha	law to promulgate a to pass a
shetani	satan, devil
shibe	an adequacy of food, e.g. uhuru na shibe

shinda, ku	to conquer
shindana, ku	to compete
shindania, ku	to compete for
shirika la biashara	a common market, cooperation in trade
shirika la taifa	National Development Corporation (Tan.)
shiriki, ku	take a part in, join in, cooperate
shirikiana, ku	to cooperate with one another
shirikisho la ulimwengu la vijana wa KidemoKrasi	federation World Federation of Democratic Youth (C)
Shirikisho la Uarabu	U.A.R.
shtaki, ku	to accuse, prosecute, level an accusation against
shtaka, ma	accusation prosecution
shughuli	engagement, business matter, matter needing attention
shughulika, ku	to be engaged with something
shughulisha, ku	to initiate a matter
shuhudia, ku	to give evidence, bear witness
shule ya sekondari	secondary school, high school
siasa	politics, a policy, a method of operating
siasa kuu	general line of policy
sifa	qualification, e.g. to be registered as a voter
sikolojia	psychology
simamia, ku	to supervise

siri	secret, e.g. mkutano wa siri - secret meeting
sisitiza, ku	to emphasize, insist, reiterate
somesha, ku	to educate, provide opportunity to study
soshalist (ki)	socialist
spika, hatibu.	the speaker of the house
stahili, ku	to merit, deserve
stakabadhi	receipt (often now heard as <u>risiti</u>)
subira	patience
sultani	sultan
suluhisha-ku	reconcile, cause to agree
susa, -ia, ku	to boycott
swali, swala	question, issue

taarifa	information, bulletin
taarifa ya pamoja	joint communiqúe (c)
tabaka	a class of society, stratum, layer
tabia	character
tafsiri	an interpretation
tafsiri, ku	to interpret, elucidate
taifa, ma	a nation
taifisha, ku	to nationalize
taja, ku	to mention
tajiri, ma	employer, rich person
talaka	a divorce
tambua, ku	to recognize, appreciate
tamka, ku	to announce
tamko	pronouncement, announcement
tanganza, ku	to announce, advertise
tangazia, ku	to announce to
tangazo, ma	announcement, advertisement
tangua, ku	to abolish, cancel
tanguliwa, ku	to be preceded
tania, ku	to pull someone's leg, engage in joking in a joking relationship
taslimu	ready, spot cash
tatizo, ma	problem, difficulty, tangle
tawala, ku	to rule, govern
tawi,	branch (of party or tree)

tayarisha, ku	to prepare
tazamia, ku	to expect, look forward to
tegemea, ku	to depend on, rely on
tekeleza, ku	to accomplish
tembelea, ku	to visit, pay a call on
tesa, ku	to oppress, tyrannize, persecute
teso, ma	oppression, persecution
teseka, ku	to undergo hardships
tetea, ku	to defend in court, represent stand up for
teua, ku	to nominate, coopt
teuliwa, ku	to be nominated, coopted
thamani	value
thamini, ku	to value
thaura	revolution (Zan.)
thibitisha, ku	to prove, make certain, establish beyond doubt
tii, ku	to obey
tilia mkazo, ku	to emphasize, press a point home
timiza, ku	to execute orders, carry out, fulfill
tisha, ku	to intimidate, threaten
toboa, ku (siri)	to penetrate the hidden meaning, pierce (reveal secret)
tokana na, ku	to result from (often used as a preposition kutoka na - resulting from)

tokomeza, ku	to drive out
toroka-ku mtoro	to escape escapee(refugee)
tulia - ku	to remain peaceful, to stay cool
tume	a commission (of enquiry, etc.)
tumia, ku	to spend
tumikia, ku	to serve, e.g. a nation, government, etc.

Uajemi	Persia, Iran
uamuzi	ruling, arbitration, decision in dispute
uanasheria	jurisprudence, law as a subject
ubaguzi wa rangi	discrimination, segregation color bar, color discrimination
ubeberu	colonialism, imperialism
ubepari	bourgeoisie, quality of being enemies of "the people"
ubinafsi	individualism, self-interest
ubingwa	expertise
ubora (v. wingi)	quality (v. quantity)
ubwanyenye	bourgeois split (c)
uchaguzi	election
uchifu mambo leo	latter-day chiefliness (pejorative)
uchochezi	agitation, incitement
uchokozi	aggression
uchumba	bethrothal
uchunguzi	research, enquiry into
uchumi	the economy, commerce
udhamini	trust
udikteta	dictatorship (c)
uenezaji wa habari	dissemination of news
uenyekiti	chairmanship
ufalme	kingdom, kingship
Ufaransa	France

Ufashisti	Fascism
ugaidi	terrorism, guerilla warfare
Uganda	Uganda
uhalifu	law-breaking, criminality
Uholanzi	Holland, Netherlands
uhuru	freedom, often rendered as 'independence'
uhusiano	a relationship, connection
Uingereza	England
ujamaa	African Socialism, socialism, occasionally communism, familyhood, brotherhood
ujanja	cunning
Ujerumani, Udachi wa magharibi wa mashariki	Germany west east
ujima	a collective (c)
ujinga	ignorance (also stupidity)
ujumbe ujumbe wa biashara	commissionk representation trade mission
ukabaila	social differentiation in favor of upper strata, feudalism
ukachero wa upelezi	intelligence headquarters (used of F.B.I.)
ukapitalisti	capitalism
ukoloni	colonialism
ukoloni (wa) mambo leo ukoloni wa chini chini	neo-colonialism neo-colonialism
ukombozi	liberation, e.g. jeshi la ukombozi
ukombozi, jeshi la	liberation army (in revolutionary situation and provided the army is socialist.

ukomunisti	communism
ukoo	clan
ukweli	the truth
Ulaya	Europe
ulegevu	slackness, a relaxation
umati wa watu	crowd
umeme, nguvu za umeme	electricity
umma	the community (Zan and occasionally Tanzania)
umoja	unity
Umoja wa Mataifa	United Nations
umwinyi	aristocracy (C)
unda,ku	create (to create) form
unga mkono, ku	to agree with, show solidarity with
unyonyaji	exploitation(lit.sucking)
unyonyaji mambo lec	the new exploitation
unyonge	weakness, destitution, wretchedness
uongozi	leadership, direction
upelelezi	investigation
Upolandi,-zi *	Poland
upungufu	a reduction, scarcity, shortage
upuuzi	nonsense
uraia	citizenship
urithi	inheritance, descent
Urusi	U.S.S.R.

* Note- most other country names are rendered by nchi ya -

usafirishaji	transportation
usawa	equality
usemi	statement, speech
ushahidi	evidence
ushirika ushirikiano	a union, cooperative cooperation, mutual help
ushuru	levy, duty, commission on
usoshialisti	socialism
ustaarabu kustaarabisha	civilization, modernization to civilize, modernize
ustadi	real ability, efficiency at a job
utaalamu	scholarship, (scientific) academic or acquired knowledge
utabibu	practice of medicine
utajiri	wealth
utajiri wa asili	natural resources
utalii, ukutalii	tourism
utamaduni	culture
utamaduni wa nyuma	backward development
utani	joking relationship
utaratibu (care)	method, arrangement
utashi	wish, desire
utashi thabiti usioshindika	the uncrushable will (C)
utawala wa kigeni wa kikoloni	rule alien rule colonial rule
uthabiti	solidarity

utumishi wa serikali	civil service, government service
utumwa	slavery, servitude
uvivu	laziness
uvumi	rumor
uwezo	ability, power to do
uzalendo	patriotism (see "mzalendo")
uzembe	sloth, idleness
uzururaji	vagrancy

vifaa	necessities, requirements, implements, tools
vita	war
vugu vugu la kitaifa na kidemokrasi	nationalist and democratic fervor (C)
vocha	voucher

wadoezi wa mabepari	bourgeouis hangers-on (c)
wajibu	duty
wakili	an agent, representative
wakilisha, ku	to represent, to act as agent for
wasilisha, ku	to bring before
wasiwasi	anxiety
wastani	average
watumishi wa serikali	civil servants
wezesha, ku	to enable
waziri, ma	a minister
wazo, ma	idea, thought
wilaya	district (Tan)
wingi (v. ubora)	quantity (v. quality)
wito	a call (same mwito)
wizara	a ministry
wosia	a will and testament

yusu ligi	youth league (Tan.)
uaminifu	trustworthiness

zana za vita also silaha	armaments, warlike supplies, military equipment
ziada	surplus
ziara	tour, official visit
zii!	boo! down with (used at political meetings)
zingatia, ku	bear in mind
zuka, ku	to spring up, e.g. new industries etc.
zunguka mbuyu, ku	to offer bribe
zuru, ku	to go on tour, official visit